



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 16, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers, 201 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida
Virtual Council Meeting using Communications Media Technology Pursuant to
Governor's Executive Order 20-69

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 6:00 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Maria Puente Mitchell
Vice Mayor Bob Best
Councilwoman Jacky Bravo
Councilman Walter Fajet, Ph.D.
Councilman Victor Vazquez, Ph.D.

City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso
Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero
City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria
City Attorney Haydee Sera (via Zoom)
Human Resource Director Bill Collins
Golf Director Paul O'Dell (via Zoom)
Golf Superintendent Laurie Bland (via Zoom)
Police Chief Armando Guzman
Police Executive Assistant Ariadna Quintana
Recreation Director Omar Luna
Elderly Services Manager Tammy Key

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Councilwoman Jacky Bravo
Salute to the Flag: The audience participated.

- 3. Workshop on Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget**

- I. Opening Remarks by City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso**

Mr. Alonso updated the City Council with changes made during the first budget workshop. He stated that millage still maintained at 7.3300 with a surplus of \$68,669. He listed several items that the Council set aside from the prior workshop, such as cutting the City Events line item, increasing the City's donation to the River Cities Festival, increasing the subsidy for the Historic Society, and a new marquee at the Circle. He then discussed the ARPA funding and its effect on the annual budget, he stated that the increase in surplus would then be at \$129,671.00. He later introduced the Human Resources Director, Bill

Collins.

I. Human Resources

Mr. Alonso introduced Bill Collins, the Human Resources Director. The budget an increase in health and COLA for employees. The budget is 3.8% higher, or \$10,483 than the FY20/21.

Mr. Collins was available to answer any of the Council's questions. Mr. Collins stated that he will prepare tuition reimbursement program proposal for the upcoming meeting. There were no further changes to this portion of the budget.

II. City Attorney

Mr. Alonso explained that the proposed budget is \$12,322 higher than the current year. There were no changes to the City Attorney's budget.

III. Golf

City Manager/Finance Director Alonso stated that the Golf Department budget is \$20,673 higher than last year. The proposed budget includes the increase of the State minimum wage.

Golf Director Paul O'Dell answered the Council's questions. Golf Course Maintenance Superintendent Laurie Bland were present to answer questions regarding the golf maintenance budget; no further changes were made.

IV. City Manager

Mr. Alonso stated that the City Manager's budget is \$152,261.00 lower than last year mainly due to the gift card program and the temperature scanners which were reimbursed by FEMA. He stated that the City Manager budget includes \$45,000 for lobbyist services and \$5,000 for legal costs related to the annexation lawsuit.

There were no further changes in this portion of the budget.

V. Parks and Recreation

i. Administration

The total budget includes an increase of \$154,234 this upcoming fiscal year. This portion of the budget, Administration is \$54,945 higher than the previous year. The increase is due to the State's minimum wage increase to \$10.00/hr., health costs, and COLA. There is a request for capital improvements in the amount of \$205,000 which include \$100,000 for new raquetball courts, \$80,000 to repaint the community center building, \$25,000 for a

pickup truck, and \$20,000 to resurface the tennis courts. The Pelican Playhouse will receive a subsidy of \$29,000 for the upcoming year.

Parks and Recreation Director Luna and Finance Director Alonso answered the Council's questions.

ii. Pool

Mr. Alonso stated that the proposed budget for the Pool is approximately \$13,848 higher for the new fiscal year. Increase is due to the minimum wage increase state-wide, health costs, and COLA.

Parks and Recreation Director Omar Luna and City Manager Alonso answered Council's questions.

iii. Tennis

Finance Director William Alonso stated that the Tennis operation is the same amount as last year, \$42,400; budget includes \$20,000 for resurfacing of two tennis courts. There were no questions regarding this budget.

iv. Park Maintenance

The Park Maintenance budget is approximately \$85,423 higher than the current year. Budget includes additional part-time staff. There were no further actions on this portion of the agenda.

VI. Elderly Services

City Manager/Finance Director Alonso stated that the Elderly Services budget is approximately \$137,527 or 15.8% higher than the previous year. This includes costs for the new Senior Center building as well as additional staffing, health, fitness and art instructors. The Center will be receiving \$215,000 in LSP funding which was approved by the State.

Elderly Services Manager Tammy Key answered Council's questions to their satisfaction. There were no further discussions on this section of the budget.

VII. Police

Mr. Alonso commented that the Police Department budget is \$252,333 increase than last year. Increase of 3% pay raise in accordance with FOP contract. Increasing staff from 45 to 46, with an additional police officer. Also includes, a retiring police officer payout of \$67,430.00 and a request for new equipment which totals \$78,255.00.

Police Chief Guzman answered Council's questions to their satisfaction. There was no

further action on this section of the budget.

VIII. LETF Fund

The proposed budget is \$156,563 for the upcoming fiscal year. The Community Policing Office, except for personnel, is funded by the Law Enforcement Trust Fund based on federal forfeitures and guidelines, according to Chief Guzman. There were no changes in this portion of the agenda.

IX. Debt Service

Mr. Alonso explained that the budget shows an increase of \$53,337 or 3.2% higher. The increase is due to the new debt service payment of \$302,783 for capital expenditures which includes \$100,000 for new racquetball courts, \$80,000 for painting the Community Center, \$25,000 for a new truck for the Recreation Department, \$76,225 for Police equipment, \$17,668 for a new marquee sign, and \$1,860 for a new laptop in the PIO office.

4. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 13th day of September, 2021.



Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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